REMARKS

This Amendment essentially corresponds to an Article 34 Amendment filed in the International Stage. In addition, claim dependencies are amended so that no multiple dependent claim depends from another multiple dependent claim.

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APPENDIX I

AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

1. (Amended) A chemically peeling agent comprising a component (A) having the following general formula:

$$B - \{ (-CH_2CH_2O)m(AO)n - H \}a$$

(wherein B is an alcohol residue;

AO is an alkylene-oxy group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms; a is an integer of 1 or more; m is an integer of 4 or more; and

n is 0 or an integer of 1 or more;

provided that a molar amount \underline{m} of the oxidized ethylene to be added is a value that amounts to 40% or more of the entire molecular weight of an ethylene oxide chain moiety)

and a phenol compound (B) <u>formulated in an amount ranging from 10% to 30%</u> by weight.

5. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4] claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said phenol compound (B) is salicylic acid.

- 6. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4] <u>claim 1, 2 or 3</u>, wherein said phenol compound (A) is a member selected from the group consisting of a phenol and a resorcinol.
- 7. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6] claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein a gelling agent or a viscosity-adjusting agent is added to the component (A) and the phenol compound (B).

APPENDIX II

AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

Page 2, the paragraph consisting of lines 10-22, is amended as indicated below:

In order to achieve the object as described above, the present invention provides a chemically peeling agent comprising a component (A) having the following general formula:

$$B - (-CH_2CH_2O)m(AO)n - H]a$$

(wherein B is an alcohol residue;

AO is an alkylene-oxy group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms;

a is an integer of 1 or more;

m is an integer of 4 or more; and

n is 0 or an integer of 1 or more;

provided that a molar amount \underline{m} of the oxidized ethylene to be added is a value that amounts to 40% or more of the entire molecular weight of an ethylene oxide chain moiety)

and a phenol compound (B) formulated in an amount ranging from 10% to 30% by weight.

Page 4, 3rd full paragraph, is amended as indicated below:

The amount of the phenol compound to be added may be in the range of from [0.01% to 70% by weight in the case of salicylic acid, from 0.01% to 60% by weight in the case of phenol, and from 0.01% to 50% by weight in the case of resorcinol] 10 to 30% by weight. When the phenol compounds are to be combined with two kinds or more, the amounts of the compounds are to be appropriately selected within the scope so as to effectively peel the horny layer off and cause no side effects.

Page 7: after the 1st full paragraph, delete the heading and delete the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th full paragraphs, as indicated below:

[Example 4:

A chemically peeling agent was prepared by mixing 60% by weight of polyethylene glycol 1500 with 40% by weight of salicylic acid.

A face of each of 10 women in the sixties was pasted with the chemically peeling agent and the agent was wiped out in 3 minutes. The pasting was carried out once a month for three months.

An observation was conducted by means of a digital camera and the observation revealed a disappearance of shallow wrinkles and a rise in hue and brightness for all the persons under test. An observation by a scanning electronic microscope of cheek replica indicates an apparent disappearance of wrinkles in the skin. A comparison before and after treatment with the chemically peeling agent indicated a light increase of the water content in the horny layer, a light rise in the amount of vaporization of moisture through the skin, and improvements in development of the skin (when observed with a cuticle meter).

Further, no side effects including, for example, red spots, pigmentation, scars and so on were recognized for all the persons under test.]

Page 7: after 5th full paragraph, amend the heading as indicated below:

Example [5] $\underline{4}$:

Page 8: delete the heading before the 1st full paragraph and delete the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th full paragraphs, as indicated below:

[Example 6:

A chemically peeling agent was prepared by mixing 50% by weight of polyethylene glycol 1500 with 50% by weight of phenol.

A face of each of 10 women in the sixties was pasted with the chemically peeling agent and the agent was wiped out in 3 minutes. The pasting was carried out once a month for three months.

An observation was conducted by means of a digital camera and the observation revealed a disappearance of shallow wrinkles and a rise in hue and brightness for all the persons under test. An observation by a scanning electronic microscope of cheek replica indicates an apparent disappearance of wrinkles in the skin.

A comparison before and after the treatment with the chemically peeling agent indicated a light increase of the water content in the horny layer, a light rise in the amount of vaporization of moisture through the skin, and improvements in development of the skin (when observed with a cuticle meter).

Although the chemically peeling agent contained phenol in such a concentration as high as 50% by weight, no side effects including, for example, red spots, pigmentation, scars and so on were recognized for all the persons under test.

It was also found that the chemically peeling agent containing phenol in the concentration of 60% by weight in polyethylene glycol exhibited the effects similar to the agent containing 50% by weight of phenol.]

Page 8: the heading after the 6th paragraph, is amended as indicated below:

Example [7] <u>5</u>:

Page 9: Delete the heading before the 2nd full paragraph and delete the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs, as indicated below:

[Example 8:

A chemically peeling agent was prepared by mixing 50% by weight of polyethylene glycol 1500 with 50% by weight of resorcinol.

A face of each of 10 women in the sixties was pasted with the chemically peeling agent and the agent was wiped out in 10 minutes. The pasting was carried out once a month for three months.

An observation was conducted by means of a digital camera and the observation revealed a disappearance of shallow wrinkles and a rise in hue and brightness for all the persons under test. An observation by a scanning electronic microscope of cheek replica indicates an apparent disappearance of wrinkles in the skin.

A comparison before and after the treatment with the chemically peeling agent indicated a light increase of the water content in the horny layer, a light rise in the amount of vaporization of moisture through the skin, and improvements in development of the skin (when observed with a cuticle meter).

Further, no side effects including, for example, red spots, pigmentation, scars and so on were recognized for all the persons under test.]

APPENDIX III

AMENDED ABSTRACT WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

ABSTRACT

[The present invention provides a chemically peeling agent that can exhibit the efficacy of the main component thereof without causing less side effects.]

The chemically peeling agent contains a component (A) having the following general formula:

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(wherein B is an alcohol residue;

AO is an alkylene-oxy group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms;

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